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VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Acting Deputy Director for Operations  
Chief, Near East & South Asia Division  
Chief, International Activities Division

FROM:

Chief, IAD/

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SUBJECT:

Soviet Relations with the Shah

Attached is a report which I have prepared for your signature, responding to an 18 December 1979 memorandum from Dr. Brzezinski. The report details CIA action on the issue of past Soviet relations with the Shah.

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CONCUR:

John H. Stein

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Acting Deputy Director for Operations

Date

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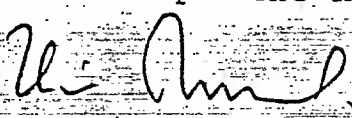
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
THE DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION  
AGENCY

SUBJECT: Soviet Relations with the Shah (U)

Soviet propaganda has been vociferously condemning us for our past support for the Shah and even implying that such support makes the seizure of our Embassy understandable, if not acceptable. It is generally forgotten that the Soviets themselves had quite good political and commercial relations with the Shah, that high-level visits by Soviet leaders to Tehran and by the Shah to Moscow took place fairly regularly, and that past Soviet criticism of the Shah's regime was notably muted, at least until 1978. (U)

The State Department is hereby requested to ascertain the facts of the matter, and then to arrange, in cooperation with ICA and CIA, to disseminate these facts widely, particularly to Muslim countries. (C)

I would appreciate a report by CC3 December 22 for the President of what has been done to implement this. (U)

  
Zbigniew Brzezinski

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